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Commissioner for Patents P O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is submitted in response to the non-final Office action having a mail date of August 23, 2006. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.